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Serial No. 10/762,863

Amendment in Reply to Office Action of January 22, 2007

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2007 which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, page 2, paragraph one, clarification is requested regarding status of claims included in a Preliminary Amendment filed January 22, 2004. Upon examining the file, there appears to have been some confusion related to the status of the pending claims. For clarity, all the pending claims, namely claims 1-29 have been canceled by means of the present amendment, and new claims 30-34 are presented, which are identical to canceled claims 25-29 included in the Preliminary Amendment of January 22, 2004. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1-20 are moot. Early consideration of new claims 30-34 and an action on the merits are solicited.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of

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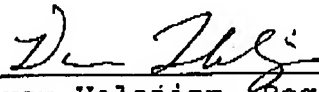
argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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